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SVOBODA MEETING WITH RUSSIANS

RADIO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN CZECH 1750 GMT 22 AUG 68 L  
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(TEXT) THIS IS THE KAPLOVY VARY FREE STUDIO .

CZECHOSLOVAK RADIO IS TRANSMITTING SOME NEWS WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN 100 PERCENT CONFIRMED . THIS IS WHY WE NOW GIVE YOU NEWS WHICH HAS BEEN CONFIRMED DIRECTLY AT THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

DURING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT SVOBODA, SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO, AND COMMANDER OF THE OCCUPATION FORCES GENERAL PAVLOVSKIY, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT THE OCCUPATION TROOPS WILL BE SUPPLIED FROM THEIR OWN SOURCES . IN THE FUTURE , THEY WILL NOT USE OUR (WORDS INDISTINCT) . IT WAS AGREED THAT THE OCCUPATION UNITS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CENTERS OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES. BANKS AND SAVINGS BOOKS WHICH WERE CLOSED IN PRAGUE OPENED AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON.

WHEN ASKED BY COMRADE LUDVIK SVOBODA WHERE COMRADES DUBCEK , CERNIK, KRIZOFL, AND SUPKOVSKY ARE AT PRESENT, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE GENERAL DZUR AND THE HEAD OF THE MAIN POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION VISITED PRESIDENT SVOBODA AND TOLD HIM THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY STANDS FIRMLY WITH OUR POSITION.

FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, MEMBERS OF THE HIGHEST PARTY BODIES--IMBRA, LOPIKOV, PARCIREK, PICO, (TWO OR THREE NAMES INDISTINCT) SVESTKA, KOLDES, AND PILAK--LEFT BY ARMORED VEHICLE FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY. (PASSAGE INDISTINCT)

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